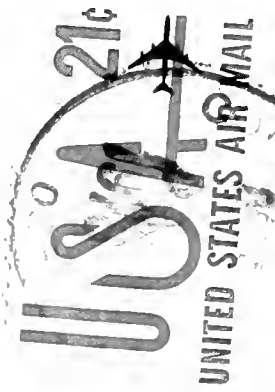
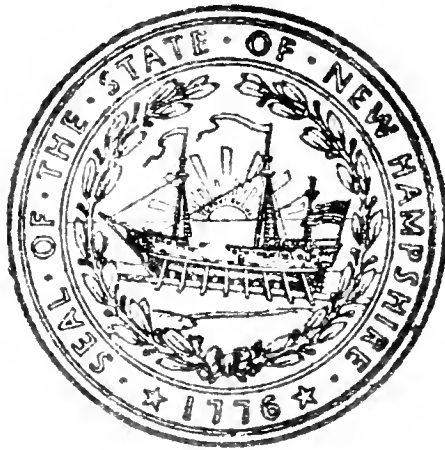


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BRIDGEWATER
New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1975

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TOWN OFFICERS
March Town Meeting

Town Clerk

PATRICIA MITCHELL 1978

Selectmen

E. WAYNE THOMPSON 1978
 WILLIAM T. THISTLE 1977
 HOLLIS L. POLLARD 1976

Treasurer

CLARA JENNESS 1978

Tax Collector

MARGARET A. THISTLE 1978

Trustees of Trust Funds

CARL GOUTELL 1978
 DR. JAMES TOWNSEND 1977
 MORTON CAVIS 1976

ELECTIONS

Supervisors of Check List

CECILE GRAY 1980
 MYRA CAVIS 1978
 JEAN WILCOX 1976

Moderator

RONALD TOWNE 1976

APPOINTMENTS

Forest Fire Warden
 HOLLIS L. POLLARD

Deputy Wardens

DELMORE BUCKLIN
 JOHN MORGAN JR.

JOHN JENNESS
 PAUL MORRILL

Chief of Police
KENNETH RAYMOND

Fire Chief
PAUL MORRILL

Building Inspector
EMIL ANDERSON

Planning Board
LAWRENCE DENTON ROBERT WILLIAMS
FRANCIS SEELEY LAWRENCE DREW
CONSTANCE WEISBERG WILLIAM T. THISTLE, Ex. Off.
MARY JANE DENTON, Clerk

Conservation Commission
DR. JAMES TOWNSEND MARLENE MATTHEWS
RONALD TOWNE

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Second day of March next, at twelve of the clock in the noon, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls to be opened from 12:00 noon to 7:00 P.M.
Business Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

1. To choose a Selectman for three (3) years and all other necessary Town Officers.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$504.08 for TRA, provided that the State contributes the sum of \$3,360.57.

3. To see if the Town will vote to spend the 1976 State Highway Subsidy Fund for Town Construction.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Expenses as estimated in the budget.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,200.00 for the purchase of new equipment and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,200.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 with the balance to be raised by issuing a series of notes not to exceed \$3,000.00 for a period of not more than three years.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of increasing the Town's share in a Regional Refuse Disposal District or to defray the expense

of installing an incinerator at the town dump site and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 with the balance to be raised by appropriation.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of additional land adjoining the present dump site.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to receive in the name of the Town any and all grants or relief from any other governmental divisions.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to place the following by-law (ordinance) into effect when a town incinerator commences operation.

“All glass items must be separated from other refuse before either the glass or the remainder may be deposited at the Town Refuse Disposal Facility. The operator of the facility and the town police are empowered to enforce this ordinance, and offenders may be fined not to exceed fifty dollars for each offense.”

10. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following article voted upon favorably at the March 11, 1947 Town Meeting:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the State Tax Commission to audit the Town Officers’ accounts at the end of each fiscal year until rescinded by vote of the Town.”

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to engage auditors each year to audit the Town Officers’ accounts at the end of each fiscal year.

12. To hear a report of NANA and to see what action the Town will vote to take.

13. To see if the Town will vote the following amendment of the Town of Bridgewater Mobile Home Ordinance as proposed:

(a) Under this amendment, the Board of Selectmen

shall have the authority to issue 30 day permits for the temporary use of mobile homes, travel trailers for residential use in the Town of Bridgewater. Such permits may be renewed at the discretion of the board. No mobile home or travel trailer shall remain on its site after permit expiration, unless such site shall conform to current subdivision regulations of the Town with regard to land area, water pollution approval and road frontage requirements.

(b) The same penalties apply to any violation of (a) above as exists in section 7 of the original ordinance voted March 5, 1974.

(Planning Board)

14. Fire Dept. Ordinance

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the support of the Fire Dept.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

17. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this Sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy six.

Hollis L. Pollard
William T. Thistle
E. Wayne Thompson
Selectmen of Bridgewater

NOTE: This warrant contains only those articles submitted prior to going to press and is subject to additions.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF INVENTORY

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Land, Improved & Unimproved | \$ 4,872,600 |
| Buildings | 4,345,750 |
| Public Utilities | 228,950 |
| 54 House trailers, Mobile homes | 191,150 |
| 10 Boats & Launches | 10,950 |
| Total Valuation before exemptions | 9,649,400 |
| Less exemptions allowed | 44,200 |
| Net Valuations | 9,605,200 |
| Property Taxes committed to Collector | \$194,709.74 |
| Tax Rate -- \$2.05 | |

SELECTMEN'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOLLIS POLLARD
WILLIAM T. THISTLE
E. WAYNE THOMPSON
Selectmen of Bridgewater

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

| | Appropriations Previous Fiscal Yr. | Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Yr. | Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1976 |
|--|--|--|---|
| SECTION 1 | | | |
| PURPOSE OF | | | |
| APPROPRIATION | | | |
| General Government: | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$4,200.00 | \$4,332.09 | \$4,500.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 3,000.00 | 3,392.28 | 4,000.00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 250.00 | 282.57 | 400.00 |
| Town Hall & Other Buildings | 3,400.00 | 1,839.54 | 2,100.00 |
| Employees' Retmnt. & Soc. Sec. | 1,850.00 | 1,783.28 | 1,900.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permits | 600.00 | 563.00 | 600.00 |
| Protection of Persons & Property: | | | |
| Police Department | 1,800.00 | 1,646.19 | 1,800.00 |
| Fire Department | 1,400.00 | 1,795.69 | 1,400.00 |
| Lakes Region Planning Comm. | 510.00 | 510.00 | 520.00 |
| Insurance | 4,000.00 | 4,510.60 | 4,500.00 |
| Planning and Zoning | 300.00 | 141.72 | 300.00 |
| Damages and Legal Expense | 175.00 | | 750.00 |
| Civil Defense | | 15.50 | 200.00 |
| Health Department: | | | |
| Vital Statistics | 5.00 | 3.50 | 5.00 |
| NANA | 400.00 | 440.00 | 400.00 |
| Lakes Region Mental Health | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Removal | 6,200.00 | 3,824.32 | 8,000.00 |
| Newfound Ambulance Assoc. | 470.00 | 550.00 | 500.00 |
| Highways and Bridges | | | |
| Gen'l Expenses of Highway Dept | 51,000.00 | 57,925.00 | 55,000.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 510.00 | 510.01 | 520.00 |
| Libraries | | | |
| | 235.00 | 235.00 | 235.00 |

Public Welfare:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Town Poor | 1,200.00 | 139.70 | 400.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 900.00 | 1,249.59 | 1,200.00 |
| N.H. Humane Society | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Patriotic Purposes: | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Recreation [Community Ctr.] | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|

Public Service Enterprises:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Old Home Day | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Cemeteries | 200.00 | 121.22 | 300.00 |
| Bicentennial | 515.00 | 515.00 | 515.00 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 200.00 | 200.00 | 300.00 |

Debt Service:

| | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Principal and Long Term Notes and Bonds | 6,200.00 | 6,200.00 | 3,750.00 |
| Interest - Long Term Notes and Bonds | 500.00 | 3,400.00 | 2,350.00 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 2,000.00 | 2,576.11 | 2,500.00 |

Capital Outlay:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Town Construction | 6,600.00 | 7,489.20 | 6,600.00 |
| Gravel | | | 2,500.00 |
| New Equipment | | | 8,200.00 |
| Incinerator | 21,500.00 | 1,235.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Fire Department | | | 4,000.00 |
| Refuse Disposal Planning Comm. | 600.00 | | |
| Land Purchase | 4,500.00 | 4,346.00 | 1,000.00 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Payment to County | | 23,991.65 | |
| Payment to School District | | 92,343.98 | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total Appropriations | <u>126,210.00</u> | <u> </u> | <u>130,710.00</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

| SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Yr. | Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Yr. | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1976 |
|--|--|---|--|
| From State: | | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 5,107.13 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 525.00 | 609.16 | 600.00 |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 2,500.00 | 2,908.23 | 2,900.00 |
| Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V) | 6,600.00 | 6,612.51 | 6,600.00 |
| Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion) | 2,300.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,500.00 |
| From Local Sources: | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 20.00 | 20.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 9,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Interest on Taxes & Deposits | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds | 6,500.00 | 6,773.88 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 260.00 | 268.00 | 260.00 |
| Resident Taxes Retained | 2,600.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Normal Yield Taxes Assessed | 700.00 | 762.37 | 400.00 |
| Rent of Town Property | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Driveway Plowing | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Bond and Note Issues (Contra) | | | 3,000.00 |
| From Federal Sources: | | | |
| Revenue Sharing | 10,500.00 | 10,500.00 | 10,500.00 |
| Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes | 51,000.00 | 50,316.28 | 45,055.00 |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes | 75,210.00 | | 85,655.00 |
| Total Revenues | 126,210.00 | | 130,710.00 |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The close of fiscal 1975 finds the Town of Bridgewater again in sound financial condition with a surplus of \$2,978 and an outstanding debt of \$3,750 which will be retired during fiscal 1976.

Due to the lengthy processes involved in the establishment of a Refuse Disposal District, the Selectmen are unable at this time to present a proposal to be acted upon by the Town Meeting. Absence of guidelines to follow, as no other Disposal District is in existence at this time, forces us to attempt to foresee all the necessary details needed for an agreement.

We are able to report that since last Town Meeting, the Selectmen of both Hebron and Bridgewater have visited incinerator installations in New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut. We are all in accord concerning the manufacturer, model, and method of installation which will best suit our particular needs and are proceeding with the project.

A 12 Acre tract of land at the rear of the present dump site has been purchased by the Town, after being approved by the appropriate State Agencies as a suitable location. Contracts have been executed for the incinerator and building with delivery in the early spring and full operation by the summer season.

An article has been included in the warrant asking that the sum of \$5,500 be allocated from Revenue Sharing funds, and \$3,000 by appropriation, providing that the Town of Hebron appropriates a similar amount. This will provide a total of \$60,000 in cash available for the project thereby reducing the amount of debt to be incurred by the District.

The T.R.A. project on the Dick Brown Road, started in the fall of 1975, proved to be considerably more expensive than anticipated. A large amount of rocks, boulders and some corduroy, which had caused many problems in the past, needed to be removed and replaced with fill. The net result was an overexpenditure of \$7,200.

Once again a supply of good quality gravel at a reasonable price is becoming extremely difficult to find. The Selectmen were able to negotiate an agreement with L.M. Pike for 15,000 yards on their property in the River Road at 30c per yard or

\$4,500 which is approximately a seven to eight year supply.

The Highway Department annually spends about \$2,000 for gravel which is included in the 1976 Highway Budget. The balance of \$2,500 is included under new construction in the general budget.

In past years the Town has relied entirely upon surrounding towns for fire protection, and this generally has been very effective from our point of view. However, it should be pointed out that when fire equipment is sent out of any town to another town, their capability is reduced proportionately, which is frowned upon by both the insurance underwriters and the townspeople. In view of this, and in an earnest desire to provide better fire protection for the town, a Fire Department has been organized.

Previously existing agreements with surrounding towns are still in force with the understanding that the Bridgewater Department will be notified and will participate in fighting the fire.

The Bridgewater Department has a complement of 15 men. The officers have taken courses at the Meadowbrook Fire Training School in Fitzwilliam, N.H. and other training programs are projected for the coming year.

Present equipment consists of a 4 x 4 equipped with pump, hose and tools. The vehicle is on loan from the U.S. Government through the N.H. Forestry Department. Another vehicle on loan is a 6 x 6 chassis. A 1000 gallon tanker and a separate front-mount pump have been purchased and financed by the Department.

A Red Phone system to report fires has been installed and is financed by a monthly raffle. To report a fire, the number is 8081.

There is a warrant article asking for an appropriation of \$2,500, of which \$800 will reimburse the Department for the tanker and front-mount pump. The balance will equip the 6 x 6 with a tank and other badly needed equipment. This should place the department in a position to apply for membership in a Mutual Aid Association along with surrounding towns and result in improved fire protection for the Town.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| Description: | Value |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Town Hall | \$10,000.00 |
| Grange Hall, Garage & Land | 30,000.00 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 1,500.00 |
| Libraries | 1,000.00 |
| Office Equipment | 2,500.00 |
| Highway Department | |
| Trucks & Plows | \$12,000.00 |
| J.D. Front Loader | 5,000.00 |
| Hough Payloader | 18,000.00 |
| Huber Maintainer | 3,500.00 |
| Tools & Equipment | 2,500.00 |
| | ————— 41,000.00 |
| Fire Department | 5,000.00 |

CURRENT USE REPORT

Listed in this report are the exemptions in land valuation allowed under the current open space law. This represents the totals of 91 parcels of land, out of a total of 710 parcels, on which open space exemptions were allowed.

| | | | |
|--|---------|--------------|---------------|
| Total Land Valuation before exemptions | | \$ 5,375,150 | |
| | | Assessed | Current |
| | # Acres | Valuation | Use Valuation |
| Permanent Pasture | 25 | \$ 6,150 | \$ 2,350 |
| Forage Crops | 90 | 12,750 | 10,100 |
| Horticultural Crops | 10 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Forest Lands | 9,957 | 776,100 | 281,450 |
| Wetlands | 50 | 2,000 | 700 |
| Inactive Farm Land | 15 | 1,350 | 1,200 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 10,172 | \$799,350 | \$296,800 |

NET LOSS IN LAND VALUATIONS \$502,550

The net loss in land valuation of the \$502,550 resulted in an increase of \$1.00 on the Tax Rate.

STATE AUDIT
Division of Municipal Accounting
Frederick E. Laplante, Director

January 27, 1976

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Bridgewater, New Hampshire 03222

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent Town records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

General Fund:

**Comparative Balance Sheets - As of December 31, 1974
and December 31, 1975: [Exhibit A-1]**

Comparative balance sheets as of December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975 are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the current surplus of the Town decreased by \$2,970 from \$5,948 at December 31, 1974 to \$2,978 at December 31, 1975.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: [Exhibit A-2]

An analysis of the change in the current financial condition

of the Town during the year is included in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Current Surplus:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Budget Deficit (Exhibit A-4) | \$2,959 |
| Tax Liens Transferred To Tax Deeds | 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Decrease in Current Surplus | \$2,970 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures -
Estimated and Actual Revenues: [Exhibits A-3 and A-4]**

Comparative statements of general fund appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975 are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue deficit of \$3,950, less a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$991, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,959.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

**Comparative Balance Sheets - As of December 31, 1974
and December 31, 1975: [Exhibit A-5]**

Comparative balance sheets which disclose the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1974 and December 31, 1975 are contained in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, the long-term debt decreased by \$6,200 during 1975, from \$9,950 to \$3,750. Matured long-term notes in the amount of \$6,200 were paid during the fiscal year.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: [Exhibit A-6]

A statement showing annual debt service requirements (principal and interest) as of December 31, 1975 is presented in Exhibit A-6.

Disaster Relief Act Funds:

**Comparative Balance Sheets - As of December 31, 1974
and December 31, 1975: [Exhibit A-7]**

Comparative balance sheets of the Disaster Relief Act Funds as of December 31, 1975 are contained in Exhibit A-7. As indicated therein, the fund balance reflects a current deficit of \$14,604 as of December 31, 1975. This deficit results from expenditures in excess of approved Federal Grants for this purpose. Unless additional Federal Aid can be obtained, it will be necessary for the Town to appropriate additional funds to offset the aforesaid deficit.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: [Exhibit B-1]

A summary statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975 made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1.

Revenue Sharing Fund: [Exhibit B-2]

The fiscal activity in the Revenue Sharing Fund account during the year is disclosed in Exhibit B-2. Entitlement payments received by the Town in 1975 amounted to \$10,067 and interest of \$409 was realized on idle funds invested. There were no unexpended or unencumbered funds remaining at December 31, 1975.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes were made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of

uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 21, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in the audit report is optional, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Bridgewater for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Frederick E. Laplante

Director

Municipal Services Division

Department of Revenue Administration

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Bridgewater at December 31, 1975 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick E. Laplante

Director

Municipal Services Division

Department of Revenue Administration

EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

| SOURCE | Estimated | Actual | Excess | Deficit |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Current Year: | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$201,351 | \$194,710 | \$ | \$6,641 |
| Resident Taxes | 2,800 | 2,790 | | 10 |
| National Bank | | | | |
| Stock Taxes | 268 | 534 | 266 | |
| Yield Taxes | 762 | 738 | | 24 |
| Prior Years: | | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | 220 | 220 | |
| Interest on | | | | |
| Delinquent Taxes | 1,200 | 1,522 | 322 | |
| Penalties on Delin- | | | | |
| quent Res. Taxes | | 46 | 46 | |
| State of New Hamp- | | | | |
| shire: | | | | |
| Highway Subsidy | 6,673 | 6,673 | | |
| Interest and | | | | |
| Dividends Tax | 5,107 | 5,107 | | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 609 | 609 | | |
| Meals and Rooms | | | | |
| Tax | 2,908 | 2,908 | | |
| Business Profits Tax | 2,413 | 2,413 | | |
| Federal Government: | | | | |
| Revenue Sharing | 10,500 | 10,476 | | 24 |
| Local Sources, Except | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Per- | | | | |
| mit Fees | 8,000 | 7,841 | | 159 |

| | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dog Licenses | 175 | 240 | 65 | |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 20 | 246 | 226 | |
| Rent of Town Pro- perty | 120 | 150 | 30 | |
| Interest Rec. on Deposits | 100 | | | 100 |
| Sale of Town Property | | 1,470 | 1,470 | |
| Income from Depart. | | 15 | 15 | |
| Refund - Prior Years' Expend. | | 348 | 348 | |
| | <u>\$243,006</u> | <u>\$239,056</u> | <u>\$3,008</u> | <u>\$6,958</u> |

BUDGET SUMMARY

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Estimated Revenues | \$243,006 | | |
| Actual Revenues | 239,056 | | |
| | <u>-----</u> | | |
| Revenue Deficit | | \$3,950 | |
| Unexpended Balances of Appropriations | \$13,246 | | |
| Overdrafts of Appropriations | 12,255 | | |
| | <u>-----</u> | | |
| Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations | | 991 | |
| | | <u>-----</u> | |
| Net Budget Deficit | | | <u><u>\$2,959</u></u> |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Salaries:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| | 300.00 |
| Clara Jenness | 626.00 |
| Hollis Pollard | 100.00 |
| Patricia Mitchell | 524.00 |
| E. Wayne Thompson | 626.00 |
| William T. Thistle | 60.00 |
| Emil Anderson | 1,961.09 |
| Margaret Thistle | 125.00 |
| Ronald Towne | |

Town Officers' Expenses:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| | 10.00 |
| N.H. Assoc. Assess Off. | 10.00 |
| N.H. Town Clerk Assoc. | 5.00 |
| N.E. Town Clerk Assoc. | 60.00 |
| Postmaster Plymouth | 80.00 |
| Postmaster Bristol | 560.20 |
| Enterprise Press | 43.70 |
| Mountain Media | 392.81 |
| N.E. Tel & Tel | 38.00 |
| William Thistle | 689.38 |
| Brown & Saltmarsh | 697.36 |
| State of N.H. Audit | 100.00 |
| N.H. Municipal Assoc. | 45.00 |
| Equity Publishing | 9.92 |
| Homestead Press | 10.90 |
| Branham Publishing | 26.95 |
| State of N.H. boat inv | 20.00 |
| State of N.H. appr. man | 7.81 |
| Patricia Mitchell | 47.00 |
| Hollis Pollard | 510.96 |
| Margaret Thistle | |

Election & Registration:

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| | 8.51 |
| Mason Westfall | 54.90 |
| Mountain Media | 58.80 |
| Enterprise Press | 43.00 |
| Myra Cavis | 35.36 |
| Cecile Gray | 22.00 |
| Jean Wilcox | |

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|----------------|-------|
| Agnes Murphy | 30.00 |
| Susan Mitchell | 30.00 |

Planning Board:

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Enterprise Press | 83.32 |
| Mountain Media | 58.40 |

Town Hall & Other Bldgs:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| N.H. Electric Coop | 38.38 |
| Public Service | 389.91 |
| Charles A. Carr Co. | 1,244.44 |
| Ora Morrill | 25.00 |
| William Thistle | 43.84 |
| Prescott Lumber | 18.60 |

Insurance:

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|------------------------|----------|
| John C. Ray Agency | 3,511.25 |
| Bristol R.E. & Ins. | 617.70 |
| Blue Cross-Blue Shield | 745.85 |

Police Dept.:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Jack Laiweneek | 331.00 |
| Kenneth Raymond | 705.41 |
| Fred Wilcox | 302.50 |
| E. Wayne Thompson | 45.00 |
| Wright Communications | 123.88 |
| Clifford Nicols Inc. | 38.40 |
| Rescue Emergency Inc. | 100.00 |

Fire Dept:

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Bent fire | 145.50 |
| Murphy fire | 178.00 |
| Pasquaney fire | 188.50 |
| Ashland Fire Dept | 69.20 |
| Walter Sanborn | 50.00 |
| Paul Morrill | 108.00 |
| Chas. Tapply | 60.00 |
| Blanchard Assoc | 65.42 |
| City of Concord | 50.00 |

Town Dump:

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Brian Cummings | 1,449.00 |
|----------------|----------|

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|------------------|----------|
| | 448.00 |
| Reginald Morrill | 54.00 |
| Paul Morrill | 63.00 |
| Chas. Tapply | 39.00 |
| Allan Jordan | 381.00 |
| John Thompson | 1,200.00 |
| Town of Bristol | 100.00 |
| Hebron Fire Dept | |

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|---------------------|-------|
| Town Poor: | 49.70 |
| Farley's Drug | 92.00 |
| D.E. & L.I. Cantlin | |

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Cemeteries: | 121.22 |
| Lawrence Morrill | 210.00 |
| Raymond Tucker Clarks' well | |

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Labor: | 8,750.00 |
| John Morgan Jr. | 7,537.67 |
| Eugene Morgan | 5,433.09 |
| Donald Atwood | 1,096.50 |
| David Bergeron | 1,634.32 |
| Ronald Bruno | 951.16 |
| Andrew Denton | |

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Equipment Hire: | 1,305.00 |
| Sunnyside Farm Plowing | 70.00 |
| Jack Flanders plowing | 445.00 |
| Garrett Gilpatric plowing | 30.00 |
| R.J. Higgins | 588.00 |
| Eugene Morgan | |

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|----------------------|----------|
| Expenses: | 1,333.03 |
| International Salt | 10.86 |
| Bristol Drug | 394.65 |
| Brooks Auto | 28.60 |
| Bartlett Auto | 1,461.38 |
| R.C. Hazelton | 49.02 |
| Ross Express | 524.11 |
| Prescott Lumber | 380.96 |
| Gareth Gilpatric | 141.25 |
| Interstate Machinery | |

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Chas. A. Carr Co. | 659.99 |
| Bristol Tire & Battery | 846.19 |
| Merriam Graves | 228.28 |
| R.P. Williams | 20.83 |
| Sanel Auto | 1,179.59 |
| Palmer Spring | 327.78 |
| Harris Bros. | 142.54 |
| Texaco Inc. | 734.38 |
| Charles Gould | 852.74 |
| Cummings Northeastern | 416.04 |
| Freds' Auto | 2,644.77 |
| Southern Parts | 833.80 |
| Panbro Sales | 524.90 |
| B.B. Chain | 216.45 |
| Paquette Paving | 159.65 |
| Sanel Industrial | 1,105.00 |
| Shorts Garage | 7.85 |
| Belknap Tire | 104.90 |
| Chittenden Trust Co. | 198.60 |
| Newfound Sport Store | 10.99 |
| J.R. Sousa | 4,143.75 |
| Irwin Motors | 1,368.59 |
| Brake & Clutch Inc. | 305.94 |
| Exxon 93 | 14.40 |
| Denny's Exxon | 9.25 |
| Bomor Constr. | 2,260.00 |
| Bucklin Tractor | 8.80 |
| Northeast Tire | 352.00 |
| Earth Inc. | 535.80 |
| J.C. Croucher | 392.87 |
| Merrimack Farmers | 160.78 |
| Hawkensens' Enterprises | 196.74 |
| A.M. Rand | 12.46 |
| Northeast Culvert | 1,015.23 |
| Shephard Auto | 6.28 |
| Mac Tools | 110.52 |
| Alfred Jenness | 582.00 |
| N.E. Chemical Co. | 505.60 |
| Greenwood Plumbing | 27.41 |
| Campton Sand & Gravel | 210.78 |
| R.P. Johnson & Son | 476.72 |

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|-------------------|----------|
| A.S. Woodward | 180.00 |
| Dean Yeaton | 112.00 |
| N.H. Bituminus | 2,276.45 |
| Matco Sales | 320.14 |
| C.R. McLoud | 29.84 |
| Mountain Media | 9.00 |
| Merrills Radiator | 39.00 |
| Sno-Sports Inc | 24.60 |
| Jordan Milton | 200.04 |

INCINERATOR

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Nils Gustafson | 4,000.00 |
| Trojano Rhines | 346.00 |
| Paul Morrill | 108.00 |
| Allan Jordan | 27.00 |
| Trapper Brown Corp. | 1,100.00 |

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Trust Funds

Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

PRINCIPAL

| | Balance January 1, 1975 | New Funds Created | With- drawals | Balance December 31, 1975 | Balance January 1, 1975 | INCOME | | | Balance of December 31, 1975 | Principal & Income December 31, 1975 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | Earned During Year | Expended During Year | Balance December 31, 1975 | | |
| Cemetery Funds: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emerson Cemetery | \$ 400 | \$ | \$ | \$ 400 | \$ 412 | \$ 44 | \$ | \$ 456 | \$ 856 | |
| John Batchelder Estate | 500 | | | 500 | 430 | 51 | | 481 | 981 | |
| Bridgewater Old Home | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cemetery Association | 800 | | | 800 | 899 | 93 | | 992 | 1,792 | |
| Webster - Cross Fund | 510 | | | 510 | 253 | 42 | | 295 | 805 | |
| Whittemore Point | 600 | 200 | | 800 | 754 | 74 | | 828 | 1,628 | |
| Bernice A. Smith | | 150 | | 150 | | | | | 150 | |
| Capital Reserve Funds: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highway Department | 6,000 | | 6,000 | | 474 | 301 | 774 | 1 | 1 | |
| | \$8,810 | \$350 | \$6,000 | \$3,160 | \$3,222 | \$605 | \$774 | \$3,053 | \$6,213 | |

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

The financial report of the various Trust Funds is shown on page 27. It will be noted that a new memorial fund has been established for a plot within the Whittemore Point Cemetery, just as the Batchelder Fund is for the care of a single lot in the Emerson Cemetery.

We are making a great effort in the Bicentennial Year to map all of the cemeteries in Bridgewater which have public Trust Funds and to establish a procedure for keeping them up-to-date.

We record with sorrow the death of our colleague Francis W. Clement on March 15, 1975 only a few days after his re-election as Trustee. He had served continuously since 1933 having succeeded his father, David B. Clement. He was buried in the Emerson Cemetery which he himself had cared for lovingly over a period of many, many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton Cavis

Carl R. Goutell

James H. Townsend

Trustees

LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Amount of Original Issue | \$28,750 |
| Date of Original Issue | August 10, 1970 |
| Principal Payable Date | December 31 |
| Interest Payable Date | December 31 |
| Payable at | First National Bank, Bristol, N.H. |

| Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending: | Principal | Interest |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| December 31, 1976 | \$3,750 | \$187 |
| | \$3,750 | \$187 |

BRIDGEWATER TRA - 1975

| | |
|---|----------|
| Balance beginning of 1975 | \$ 92.23 |
| State & Town Apportionment July 1, 1975 (F.Y. 76) | 3,910.07 |
| Payments in Anticipation of Overdraft | 6,000.00 |

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Total | \$10,002.30 |
|--------------|--------------------|

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| State Time & Expenses | \$ 2,139.77 |
| Benefits to State Employees on TRA | 210.40 |
| State & Hired Equipment | 8,971.48 |
| Culvert | 1,216.11 |
| Gravel | 5,108.30 |
| Mulch Hay | 80.00 |
| Repairs to State Vehicle H-703 | 152.08 |
| Misc. Materials | 36.75 |

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Total | \$17,914.39 |
|--------------|--------------------|

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|---------|-------------|
| Balance | \$-7,912.09 |
|---------|-------------|

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report

Receipts:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1974 | \$995.73 | |
| Town Appropriation | 235.00 | |
| Interest (Bristol Savings Bank) | 61.39 | |
| | ----- | \$1,292.12 |

Payments:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Books purchased (R.R. Station) | 18.87 | |
| Salary & Postage (R.R. Station) | 35.00 | |
| | ----- | 53.87 |

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand December 31, 1975 | \$1,238.25 |
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Myra P. Cavis, Treasurer
 Library Trustees

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

| | No. of fires | No. of Acres |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| State | 718 | 800 |
| District | 62 | 91.1 |
| Town | 1 | Spot |
| Gerald S. Gross | | Hollis F. Pollard |
| District Fire Chief | | Forest Fire Warden |

**NEWFOUND AREA NURSING ASSOCIATION
Town Report - 1975**

Since January of 1975 the Newfound Area Nursing Association has undergone many changes. Mrs. Kathleen Almeida was hired as back-up nurse and trained to move into full time when Mrs. Mary Lee Bourcier left due to pregnancy. Since April Mrs. Almeida has been charge nurse and learning new aspects of home care all the time. The N.A.N.A. office was moved in Dec. after the generous offer of the Bristol Community Services was made to them. The office is now located in the lower level of the B.C.C. building. This space is rent free and was made so to this non-profit organization.

Two blood pressure clinics were held this past year. One in May with approximately 70 people availing themselves and one in Aug. with 75 people taking advantage of these free services. Both the clinics were co-sponsored by N.A.N.A. and the local Ambulance Association. N.A.N.A. also participated in two blood mobiles that were sponsored by the American Red Cross. A flu shot clinic was also given, sponsored by the Bristol Women's Club and N.A.N.A. This was open to the public at a cost of \$1.50 per shot. It was attended by 52 people. Dr. William Walsh was on hand to administer the injections.

Due to the financial burden of tightened Medicare reimbursements, the nurses have curtailed any meetings other than those that are required. But education is ongoing with a large quantity of printed material coming into the office.

Skilled nursing visits numbered 1,325. These visits are made by a professional nurse to give a patient medical treatment. Medicare defines what type of treatment or procedure will be termed as skilled.

46 physical therapy visits were made this year. These are done by a registered physical therapist. A second service is required by Medicare for all V.N.A.'s who are Medicare approved. Physical therapy was chosen because the demand seemed to be greater in this area for that type of service rather than services such as Occupational therapy of home health aides.

During each year all residents are entitled to one free home visit. These are termed health promotions. 268 of these were made this year. After the initial visit, all subsequent visits are

made under a doctor's orders. Our two local physicians are most helpful. Throughout the year we have had approximately 12 referrals from Dr. Bell, 15 from Dr. Walsh and 24 from other Drs. in the area. These subsequent visits are charged to the patient. If there is no third party payment involved, we try to use a sliding scale where the charge is established by what the patient can afford. The difference between actual cost of a visit (\$14) and what is paid to the agency is termed free service. \$1,426.50 of this was given this year.

K. Almeida, R.N.

**NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
1975**

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Received from five towns | \$ 3,565.00 |
| Donations | 35.00 |
| Bank Interest | 45.57 |
| Food Sale | 250.75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 3,896.32 |
| Paid to Fred V. Emmons | 3,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance Savings A/C | 396.32 |
| | |
| Total Calls | 170 |
| Paid Calls | 109 |
| Unpaid Calls | 48 |
| False Calls | 13 |
| | |
| Bristol | 90 |
| Alexandria | 21 |
| New Hampton | 18 |
| Bridgewater | 14 |
| Hebron | 10 |
| Hill | 6 |
| Groton | 8 |
| Danbury | 3 |

REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1976

The Conservation Commission met on January 14th (all members present) and respectfully submits the following report on its activities since the Town Meeting of March 1975.

(1) Six requests for permission to dredge and fill were received from the Town Clerk. Each of these was investigated, usually by a visit to the site. In no case was it felt that the proposed operation would be harmful to the environment of the town. Most of them involved repair of property which had been damaged by the flash flood of July 1973.

(2) In June 1975 the site of the Town Forest on the north side of the Dick Brown Road near Clay Corner, formerly known as the H. Fogg place, was inspected by State and County Foresters. On their recommendation the boundaries were surveyed and marked. The work was paid for by the remaining funds received in 1972 from the Ford Foundation. Shortly thereafter a further study in greater detail was made by Leslie Sargent, County Forester, and his assistant, Jeffrey Bryan, who prepared and sent us a beautifully drawn sketch with analysis of the types of vegetation and specific recommendations about future use. The report is on file and available for inspection.

A pleasant surprise resulting from the survey of the north boundary which is part of the Plymouth-Bridgewater line was the fact that about 1500 feet of the main branch of Clay Brook, with several pretty cascades and pools lies wholly inside Bridgewater. It is surrounded by a variety of beautiful ferns and other interesting vegetation and offers a splendid opportunity for the development of a Nature Trail. It is recommended that this should be included in plans for the use of the Town Forest.

(3) It is also recommended that the Selectmen appoint a Town Forester to be responsible for carrying out the plan given us by the Grafton Forester's Office.

Marlene Matthews
Ronald Towne
James H. Townsend

NEWFOUND AREA BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

January 1976

Dear Selectmen,

The Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee has held a meeting once a month since May 7, 1975. Many projects have been discussed and ideas explored. Commitments have been made on the area and local levels and I suggested you contact your local representative for more details.

Alexandria - Rosalie Hall and Dick Mundy

Bridgewater - Marty Kuplin and Larry Denton

Bristol - Lucy Baker and Orvis Hopkins

Groton - Cathy Buck and Jean Ray

Hebron - Beverly H. Smith

Local events in each town are printed in the Area Calendar. We would welcome your participation.

Beverly H. Smith, Secretary
Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee

BRIDGEWATER OLD HOME DAY REPORT

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Balance on hand from 1974 appropriation | 2.46 | |
| 1975 Appropriation | 100.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 102.46 |
| Payments: | | |
| Noon lunch | 71.43 | |
| 1974 photograph | 25.00 | |
| Supplies | 3.50 | |
| Balance on Hand | 2.53 | |
| | <hr/> | 102.46 |

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia G. Mitchell, Treas.

VITAL STATISTICS

- BIRTHS -

Date and place of birth; name and sex of child; name of father; maiden name of mother.

01/15/75 Plymouth; Susan Lee Conkey, Female; Art Clarence Conkey; Lillian Margaret Wright

02/09/75 Laconia; Paige Thompson Morrill, Male; Paul Wesley Morrill, Sr.; Betty Jane Thompson

06/05/75 Plymouth; Jonathan Avery Lyon, Male; Merle Stanley Lyon; Carol Lee Avery

07/28/75 Laconia; Jaime William Weir, Male; William Robert Weir Jr.; Charlene McLaughlin

09/01/75 Laconia; Jared Neville VanAalst, Male; Neville William VanAalst; Nancy Mae Metevier

09/21/75 Laconia; Steven Charles Swanson, Male; Charles Eugene Swanson; Charlotte Ann Williams

09/29/75 Laconia; James Robertson Dawson, Male; John Edward Dawson Jr.; Barbara Carol Minor

10/17/75 Laconia; Matthew Alan Cheney, Male; David Draper Cheney; Elizabeth Ann Webb

I hereby certify the above return to be correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PATRICIA G. MITCHELL, Town Clerk

Marriages

Date and place of marriage; name and surname of bridegroom and bride; name and official station of person performing ceremony.

04/12/75 Bridgewater; William Parson Haskell, Elaine Shirley Reed; William R. Weir, Justice of the Peace

06/28/75 Bridgewater; Albert Henry Schilling, Victoria Guy Anderson; Rev. Charles W.F. Smith, Priest of Episcopal Church

08/24/75 Bridgewater; Charles Ira Price, Elizabeth McIntosh Dehls; Samuel E. Worthen, Justice of the Peace

10/11/75 Unity; Arthur Francis Roberts, Alice Mabel Maki; Alice M. Strout, Justice of the Peace

10/17/75 Bridgewater; Michael Lee Weidner, Genevieve Ann Strynkowski; Philip M. Polhemus, Minister

I hereby certify the above return to be correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PATRICIA G. MITCHELL, Town Clerk

DEATHS

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased; age.

03/15/75 Plymouth, N.H.; Francis W. Clement; 84

08/02/75 Laconia, N.H.; Burton George Radcliffe; 68

08/17/75 Laconia, N.H.; Robert Gilpatric; 68

09/07/75 Plymouth, N.H.; Kathryn Marie Baldwin; 87

I hereby certify the above return to be correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PATRICIA G. MITCHELL, Town Clerk

